
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AQUACULTURE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 141, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part IV to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§141- Aquaculture advisory committee. (a) There is
5 established an aquaculture advisory committee within the
6 department for administrative purposes. The advisory committee
7 shall provide expert and credible guidance to support and
8 strengthen aquaculture throughout the State.

9 (b) The advisory committee shall consist of twelve members
10 who are experienced in aquaculture, including:

11 (1) Six producing aquafarmers; provided that there shall
12 be at least one aquafarmer from each county;

13 (2) Two researchers;

14 (3) One representative from extension or investing;

15 (4) Two representatives from the seafood distribution
16 industry, including wholesalers, distributors, and the
17 restaurant sector; and



1 (5) One representative from the Hawaii Farm Bureau.
2 The members of the advisory committee shall be appointed by the
3 governor as provided in section 26-34, from a list of nominees
4 submitted by the chairperson. The terms of advisory committee
5 members shall be two years, unless extended on a case-by-case
6 basis by a majority vote of the advisory committee members.

7 (c) The advisory committee shall be subject to chapter 92
8 and shall meet at least quarterly to review the status of the
9 State's aquaculture industry and shall make recommendations to
10 the chairperson on at least an annual basis. The advisory
11 committee may meet and subsequently make recommendations at
12 additional times as determined by a majority of the members.

13 (d) The members of the advisory committee shall serve
14 without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses,
15 including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of
16 their duties.

17 (e) The department shall provide administrative support to
18 the advisory committee."

19 SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
20 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
21 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the



1 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,
 2 and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure
 3 ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by
 4 \$ or per cent. This current declaration takes
 5 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal
 6 year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act
 7 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure
 8 ceiling are that:

- 9 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
- 10 serve the public interest; and
- 11 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
- 12 addressed by this Act.

13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000 or so much
 15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the
 16 establishment of the aquaculture advisory committee.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 18 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.



Report Title:

DOA; Aquaculture Advisory Committee; Expenditure Ceiling;
Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Aquaculture Advisory Committee within the Department of Agriculture. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. (SD1)

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